

nowhere about a fortnight before the end of the session; but this year it is said Drs. Carlisle, Randall and Morrison constituting the "steering committee," have decided to postpone setting the time adjournment until the very last day two in order to keep out the jobs which have always succeeded in getting consideration from the House under suspension of the rules during the last week of the term.

Three reports on the Payne bribery have been submitted to the Senate by the committee on privileges and elections. Four Democrats signed the majority report, which finds no ground for proceeding against Mr. Payne. Two publicans, Messrs. Hoar and Frye, presented the minority and dissenting report, calling for an investigation. An independent report was signed by Messrs. Teller and Logan, which does not find a case bad enough to tolerate Mr. Payne's expulsion from the Senate.

**DOMESTIC.**

Friday was the hottest day of the season in Northern Texas, the mercury registering 100 degrees to 120 degrees in shade.

The hanging of "Maxwell," the St. Louis trunk murderer, has been postponed till October 2, because of a stay in proceedings pending an appeal.

Samuel R. Gay, chief clerk of the Pittsburgh, Pa., pension office, is missing, and his accounts are short \$12,000 to \$15,000. He is thought to have fled to Canada.

President Beltzler of the Dundy County bank at Benkelman, Neb., has fled to Canada, and taken with him some \$100,000 in securities and funds that belonged to somebody else.

Small-pox is reported to have a firm hold in parts of Cerro Gordo and Worth counties, Ia. The town of Baron has five cases, and many families in Linn, Bolan and Grafton have been exposed.

A car drivers' and conductors' strike San Francisco caused a riot Thursday night, in which some 400 persons participated and considerable damage was done. The strike was against the discharge of men by the car company because they were Knights of Labor.

Frank Hirth, Carl Simon and Antonium, anarchists, convicted of conspiracy to burn the court-house and of inciting people to deeds of violence, at Milwaukee, Wis., were on Monday sentenced to nine months at hard labor. The trial is one year.

Northern Michigan is dried up and extensive forest fires are reported everywhere. Many of the farmers have been tilling the flames for days and some buildings have been burned. The air about Muskegon is so dense with smoke as to be almost suffocating.

Settlers in western Texas are said to be living at the rate of 100 a day on account of the drouths. The banks of the Pecos river are strewn with carcasses, cattle even from the interior having perished in drinking too much water. The loss aggregate hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Henry, 15-years-old son of J. A. Black of Bangor, Me., shot dead his sister, 13, Sunday afternoon. The boy took the gun, not knowing it was loaded, suddenly pointing it at her when it was charged, the contents striking her in the neck, blowing away windpipe and arteries. The boy is insane on account of the terrible affair.

A terrible collision of trains took place at Columbia, Tenn., on the Louisville & Nashville railroad, Tuesday. A mail train going north ran into the Columbia accommodation going south, killing seven men and severely injuring six others. The bodies were literally torn in pieces and scalped by escaping men. The collision occurred in a deep cut.

Governor West of Utah has issued a proclamation warning all persons from associating themselves with any persons or organizations for the purpose of immigrating to Utah to enter into or maintain any marriage relation other than that allowed and sanctioned by law, or aid or abet others in so doing. The proclamation is aimed at the work of Mormon missionaries.

A little girl who went to the laundry Bin Chong in Boston, Mass., Sunday morning to get her father's linen, saw on pushing open the door the mutilated dead body of the proprietor lying on the floor in a pool of blood. She ran to home and told what she had seen, whereupon her father went to the laundry and immediately afterward notified the police. Investigation showed that Bin Chong had been horribly butchered. The body was lying on its back and was completely surrounded by a pool of blood, while everything in the room was spattered with blood, giving evidence of a terrible struggle. It is believed that some one of his countrymen was the murderer.

Sol Joyner, an aged and unoffensive citizen of Southampton, Va., a few days ago while sleeping soundly after a hard day's work, was murdered by his two daughters, Mattie and Addie, aged respectively 12 and 18 years. They went the bedside of their father armed with ax, with which they chopped the head of the old man into jelly. After making sure of their deadly work the girls made their escape in the night into Sussex county, where they were arrested. They have both been committed to the county jail to await trial. The only motive for the crime of the girls is revenge for a

severe whipping which they had received from their father for stealing provisions and clothes from a neighbor.

People about Grafton, Wis., are said to be excited over the fall of a meteor near that village recently. Some harvesters in field were suddenly startled by a loud and strange noise, not unlike the roar of a long train of cars. The noise within a few seconds became almost deafening. The unusual sound seemed to come from the heavens, and, gazing upward, the spectators saw what appeared to be a huge ball of smoke rapidly descending to the earth. It was a meteor. It struck the earth within a few rods of where the men were standing and buried itself deep in the ground. Hundreds are now visiting the spot, but all attempts to probe the earth for the huge ball have proven fruitless. The owner of the field has now abandoned his harvesting and set to work digging for the meteor.

William Brown and his pretty young wife of 17 were before a Chicago justice Friday on a charge of burglary. The wife testified that her husband had not worked a week in the eight months they had been married, but compelled her to steal while he pawned the articles thus obtained. The burglary charged was planned by him, and he even went so far as to open the front door and compel her to go through the house while he remained at the entrance as guard. It was known that there was \$800 in money in the house, but the poor girl only found \$100, a quantity of clothing, and an ornamental clock. Then he gave her a severe beating for not finding the \$800. Brown was held for the criminal court and the young wife was released and the public would do likewise.

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When we consider, in addition to these works of beneficence, his standing in the community and the reputation which he sought, gathered about him, we see that no common man has been taken from us. His invented skill is attested by the many patents issued to him by the government, and by the world-wide fame of the firm still known as E. Fairbanks & Son. His name need only to be alluded to. They are in common use throughout the civilized world, are adapted to every kind of service from weighing letters in our post offices to weighing the vignettes on ships, and to the weights of coins and the various notations for weights adopted by all the commercial nations of the world. His merit as an inventor has been recognized in all civilized lands. He was named a knight of the Royal Order of the Iron Crown by the Emperor of Austria and a knight of the Order of the Iron Cross by the King of Prussia.

But it was as a Christian man that Mr. Fairbanks was entitled to the warmest admiration and earnest pity. He was a Christian from childhood. His regard and attendance upon the worship of the sanctuary and his liberal support of the institutions of religion continued to the last. He desired that his college should be given a desire to be a Christian school amounted to anxious solicitude. He felt that it could spare anything else better than its reputation as an institution characterized by piety and Christian influences. This bound him to it, and it has given him the right to stand in the list of its trustees the honored name of Thaddeus Fairbanks.

**WANTS THE PUBLIC TO WAIT.**

MIDDLEBURY, Vt., July 16, 1886.

*Editor Register:*—In your issue of the 16th inst., there appeared an item which stated that I was bound up to the county court on a charge of adultery. I desire to say that the public should be slow to condemn simply on a short article in the paper. I am certain that when the smoke of personal malice clears away I shall be able to fully prove my innocence of the crime alleged. Until that time, I am content to wait patiently and wish the public would do likewise.

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